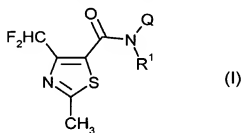


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

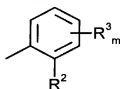
Claims 1-23 (canceled)

– Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I)



in which

Q represents a group

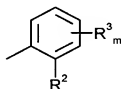


- R¹ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹,
- R² represents C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, ~~C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkenyl~~, or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkyl, ~~or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkenyl~~, each of which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of

- halogen, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,
- R³ represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or methyl,
- m represents 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4,
- R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,
- R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R⁸ and R⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³,
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl, or C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl; or represent C₁-C₆-haloalkyl or C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or
- R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³, and
- R¹³ represents hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 24 in which

Q represents a group



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- R¹ represents hydrogen; C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents -COR⁷, -CONR⁸R⁹, or -CH₂NR¹⁰R¹¹,
- R² represents C₃-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, ~~C₃-C₄₂-cycloalkyl~~, ~~C₃-C₄₂-cycloalkenyl~~, or C₆-C₁₂-bicycloalkyl, ~~or C₆-C₄₂-bicycloalkenyl~~, each of which is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, hydroxyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, and C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy having 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms,
- R³ represents fluorine, bromine or methyl,
- m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3,
- R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy, halo-C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R⁸ and R⁹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, halo-C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R⁸ and R⁹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹³,

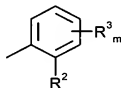
R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently of one another represent hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represent C₁-C₄-haloalkyl or C₃-C₆-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl and which has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR¹², and

R¹³ represents hydrogen or C₁-C₄-alkyl.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to Claim 24 in which

Q represents a group



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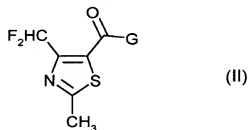
R¹ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, pentyl, or hexyl, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or isopropylsulfinyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or isopropylsulfonyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfonyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxy-

methyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, difluoromethylsulfanyl, difluorochloromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfinyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl; or represents $-\text{COR}^7$, $-\text{CONR}^8\text{R}^9$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}$,
 R^2 represents $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ -cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$ -cycloalkenyl, or $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10}$ -bicycloalkyl, or $\text{C}_6\text{-C}_{10}$ -bicycloalkenyl; each of which is optionally mono- to trisubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or isopropoxy, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butoxy, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, difluorochloromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trichloromethoxy, or difluorochloromethoxy,
 R^3 represents fluorine, bromine, or methyl,
m represents 0, 1, 2, or 3,
 R^7 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, tert-butoxy, cyclopropyl; trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, or 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,
 R^8 and R^9 independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or
 R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine, thiomorpholine, and piperazine, each of which is optionally mono- to tetra-substituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R^{13} ,
 R^{10} and R^{11} independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or
 R^{10} and R^{11} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine,

thiomorpholine, and piperazine, each of which is optionally mono- to tetra-substituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R¹³, and R¹³ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, or n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) A thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilide of formula (I) according to any of Claims 24, 25 or 26 in which R¹ is hydrogen.

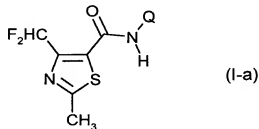
Claim 28 (Previously Presented): A process for preparing a thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 24 comprising
(1) reacting a carboxylic acid derivative of formula (II)



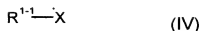
in which G represents halogen, hydroxyl, or C₁-C₆-alkoxy,
with an aniline derivative of formula (III)



in which Q is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 24,
in the presence of an acid binder and in the presence of a diluent
to form a compound of formula (I-a)



in which Q is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 24, and
(2) optionally reacting a compound of formula (I-a) with a halide of the
formula (III)



in which

R^{1-1} represents C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylsulfinyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, or C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl; represents C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkylsulfinyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkylsulfonyl, halo- C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, or C_3 - C_8 -halo-cycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents $-COR^7$, $-CONR^8R^9$, or $-CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , and R^{11} are as defined for formula (I) in Claim 24, and

X represents chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

in the presence of a base and in the presence of a diluent.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 24 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying an effective amount of one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of formula (I) according to Claim 24 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A process for preparing a composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more thiazole(bi)cycloalkylcarboxanilides of the formula (I) according to Claim 24 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants. --